State of South Dakota
Statement of Financial Interest
Governor's Appointees

To be filed with: Secretary of State, State Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501

1.	**Name:** Jerry Cope	
2.	**Address:** 5208 Ridgeview Road Rapid City, SD 57701	
3.	**Appointed Office:** South Dakota State Railroad Board	
4.	**What is your occupation or profession?** *Grain Marketing*	

5.	List any enterprise in which you, your spouse, or minor children control more than 10 percent of, or contributed more than $2,000 to, your family income in the preceding calendar year. *Dakota Mill & Grain Inc.* *SD Agricultural & Rural leadership*	6.	What is the nature of your association with each? (The value of the financial interest need not be reported.) *employee (self)* *Executive Director (spouse)*
7.	List any enterprise in which you, your spouse, or minor children control more than 10 percent of the capital stock. *None*	8.	What is the nature of your association with each?

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County of Pennington　　　　　　　　　　)

I have reviewed my Statement of Financial Interest and hereby certify that the information reported thereon is a complete, true, and accurate representation of my financial interests for the preceding calendar year.

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Jerry Cope

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___21___ day of ___November___, 2016.

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Officer Administering Oath

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: ___8/8/18___

Name:
Jerry Cope

Address:
5208 Ridgeview Road Rapid City, SD 57701

Home Phone:	Office Phone:
605-381-1951	(605) 996-7761 605-716-2442

1. Do you serve on any other state board or commission? (If yes, please list.)

South Dakota Grain & Feed Association

2. Reason for vacancy:

N/A – Reappointment

3. This appointee replaces:

N/A – Reappointment

4. Statutory requirement for the composition of this board or commission:

Chapter 1-44 of the South Dakota Codified Laws

5. Statutory requirement for this appointment:

Chapter 1-44 of the South Dakota Codified Laws

6. Educational background. (Specify any degrees or special training you have received including the dates and institutions from which degrees have been awarded.)

BS – Montana State University 1980
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7. Occupation(s) for the past ten years. Please include the name of your employer(s) and the description of your duties.

Dakota Mill & Grain Inc, Rapid City. SD Feb1, 2011- Present
Grain Marketing

South Dakota Wheat Growers, Aberdeen, SD 1990-2011
Grain Marketing

8. Background and experience in the area of appointment.

Rail user and shipper. Employee responsibilities at companies worked for include development of grain shipping facilities, use of State Rail Board loans, National Grain & Feed Rail Shipper/Receiver Committee. Testimony and advocacy for rail access at State level, as SD Grain & Feed Assn President and support for state obtained TIGER Grants. Rept Shipper representative on behalf of GWRR/RCPE at Rail Shortline Conference. Member State Rail plan committee.

9. Please state your interest in this appointment. For example, what would you like to see accomplished?

* Full utilization of state owned ~~line~~ MRC lines to better use the funds and rail development on the new line west of Mitchell.

* Enhanced development of Geneseo line NE of Aberdeen.

* Opening service on the NAPA Line

* Assist RCPE w/ meet/pass sidings on their line

* Aid development of Projects identified in the State Rail plan.

* Listen to needs of State and act as those needs progress.

10. Are you a registered lobbyist? If so, for whom?

No

11. Other members of the board or commission:

A member list will be provided to the Senate